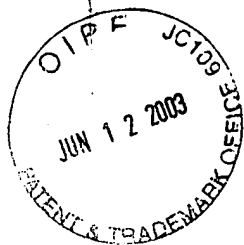


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Sir:

This Response to a Restriction Requirement filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is responsive to the Office Action dated May 12, 2003 restricting claims 1-22 into nine groups for lack of unity.

REMARKS

The examiner requires the restriction of the claims in the above-identified application into one of the following nine groups of claims:

Group I includes claims 6, 12, 15, 16, 18 and 20, drawn to a therapeutic composition comprising a peptide of SEQ ID NO: 5 or a fragment thereof, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

Group II includes claims 6, 12, 15, 16, 18 and 20, drawn to a therapeutic composition

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